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PRODUCTION OF LUMBER, LATH, AND SHINGLES IN CALIFORNIA, 1932

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LUMBER CUT - M Ft. B.M.
(Mills cutting 50M or over)

SPECIES	PINE REGION (1)		REDWOOD REGION		TOTAL	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Ponderosa pine	386,381	76.0	25	.0	386406	55.7
Sugar Pine	46,362	9.1	-	-	46,362	6.7
White fir	(2)26,072	5.1	3,533	2.1	29,605	4.3
Douglas fir	39,296	7.7	30,351	17.7	69,647	11.2
Cedar	(3)10,956	2.1	1,000	.6	11,956	1.7
Redwood	(4) 82	.0	135,448	79.2	135,530	19.6
Spruce	--	-	766	2.4	766	.8
Hemlock	--	-	--	-	--	--
TOTALS	(5)509,149	100.0	171,123	100.0	680,272	100.0

Foreign and domestic hardwoods	150
TOTAL, mills 50M and over	680,422
In addition to the above, 38 mills in California and Nevada producing less than 50 M each cut	775
TOTAL, all softwoods and hardwoods	681,197

Lath	7,944 M pcs.	1,449 M pcs.	9,393 M pcs.
Shingles	385 " "	16,617 " "	17,002 M pcs.

(1) Does not include northern part of commercial California pine region in southern Oregon.
(2) Includes both white and red fir.
(3) The pine region cedar cut was entirely incense cedar; that of the redwood region was all Port Orford cedar.
(4) Bigtree (Sequoia washingtoniana). The redwood of the (coast) redwood region is Sequoia sempervirens.
(5) About 9 million feet of Douglas fir was cut from Oregon logs.

Comparative production since 1920 - totals for all mills (California and Nevada) cutting over 50 M feet per annum including hardwoods:

Year	Cut M feet	Year	Cut M feet	Year	Cut M feet
1921	1,350,438	1925	2,042,991	1929	2,063,229
1922	1,720,556	1926	2,187,959	1930	1,514,263
1923	2,118,094	1927	2,070,811	1931	957,740
1924	1,996,496	1928	1,952,659		

The cut for the State in 1932 was 277,318 M less than that of 1931 (mills cutting 50M and less being disregarded), and was 71.0% of the cut of that year and 44.9% of that of 1930. The pine region cut was 74.4% of that in 1931 and 49.7% of that of 1930. The redwood region cut was 62.5% of that for 1931 and 35.0% of that for 1930. As in former years, the redwood region was thus able under stress to reduce its cut further than was the pine region. There has been a small increase in small mills (cutting under 50 M ft. per year), from 31 mills cutting 712 M ft. b.m. in 1931 to 38 mills cutting 775 M ft. b.m. in 1932. This is considerably less of a small-mill increase, however, than has been supposed by many to have taken place.